

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 01906 021040Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03
INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03 SP-02
LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15 STR-04 CEA-01
AGRE-00 HEW-04 HUD-01 OES-06 NSF-01 FAA-00 DOTE-00
ERDA-05 L-03 NAS-01 DODE-00 PM-04 /103 W
-----021610 109831 /45

R 021000Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1458

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1906

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: FHWA, USIRJC
SUBJ: RENEWAL OF FHWA CONTRACT. GROWING DOUBTFUL

1. POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF FHWA CONTRACT APPEARS TO BE DIM.
THE FIRST THREE DEADLINES SET BY LINDBERG AND MCKENDRICK
DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICIALS IN JANUARY HAVE PASSED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE ACTION
BY MORT. TEAM CHIEF HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT MORT
DOES NOT PLAN TO SIGN NEW CONTRACT.

2. TEAM CHIEF HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY MORT OFFICIALS
WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SIGNING NEW CONTRACT WITH
FHWA FOR TEAM OF FIVE MEMBERS (MAXIMUM) IF FHWA CAN GUAR-
ANTEE MORT THAT SPECIFIC PERSONS REQUESTED BY MORT WILL
FILL TEAM POSITIONS.

3. CLEARLY MORT IS NOT SURE WHAT IT IS GOING TO DO.
DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL BUREAU OF THE MINISTRY FEELS
STRONGLY THAT THE MINISTRY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY ON
ITS WORK WITHOUT FOREIGN CONSULTANTS AND DEFINITELY PREFERS
AMERICAN (FHWA) ADVISORS TO FRENCH CONSULTANTS. ON
THE OTHER HAND MORT, AND PERHAPS OTHER MINISTRIES,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 01906 021040Z

APPEAR TO BE UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE NUMBER OF FOREIGN CON-
SULTANTS. (COMMENT: MORT OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THEY
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO USE
IRANIAN PROFESSIONALS WHENEVER POSSIBLE IN POSITIONS NOW
OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN CONSULTANTS. MORT HAS INFORMED
FRENCH CONSULTING GROUP THAT IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT

RENEW THEIR CONTRACT. MOVEMENT TO MINIMIZE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD ANY SPECIFIC NATIONALITY AND APPARENTLY COMPLIMENTS GROWING SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE AMONG IRANIAN BUREAUCRATS PLUS CASH FLOW PROBLEMS. END COMMENT)

4. WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN MORT AND MANPOWER OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF LABOR OPENLY CONCEDE THAT IRAN WILL NEED FOREIGN MANPOWER, INCLUDING FOREIGN PROFESSIONAL MANPOWER, FOR SOMETIME. BOTH, HOWEVER, ADMIT THAT THERE ARE STRONG QUOTE POLITICAL PRESSURES END QUOTE TO PERSIANIZE THE EXECUTIVE LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

5. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY DEFINITE DECISION ABOUT RENEWAL OF FHWA/MORT AGREEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL AFTER NOW RUZ. FOLLOWING THE DECISION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT THE MORT WILL HAVE TO: 1) PLAN A BUDGET FOR THE TEAM; 2) RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION; 3) RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; AND 4) SIGN FINAL DRAFT OF AGREEMENT BY MAY 1. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ALL THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE MONTH OF APRIL EMBASSY, BASING IT JUDGMENT ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE, IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED BY MAY 1. IN FACT, SIGNING OF FINAL CONTRACT BY JUNE 1 SEEMS UNLIKELY. SINCE FHWA NEEDS MINIMUM TWO MONTHS LEAD TIME TO PUT NEW TEAM IN THE FIELD THERE IS STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT AFTER EXPIRATION OF CURRENT AGREEMENT (JUNE 30, 1977) FHWA WILL WITHDRAW FROM IRAN.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TEHRAN 01906 021040Z

MIKLOS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TEHRAN01906
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770071-1283
Format: TEL
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770399/aaaadjqj.tel
Line Count: 98
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 35bcd7be-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3225637
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RENEWAL OF FHWA CONTRACT. GROWING DOUBTFUL
TAGS: EAID, IR, FHWA, USIRJC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/35bcd7be-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009